

Amendment
Appl. no. 10/599, 331
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REMARKS

Entry of this Amendment and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the amendments made to the claims and for the remarks made herein.

Claims 1-18 are pending and stand rejected.

Claims 1, 11 and 16 are independent claims.

Claims 1, 11 and 13-16 have been amended.

Claim 12 has been cancelled.

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment issued in the instant matter, applicant submits a full set of claims including a correction to the status of Claim 12. Claim 12 as indicated to be cancelled but the claim language was not properly removed from the claims.

Pursuant to the instructions found on the Notice of Non-Complaint Amendment regarding a time period for reply, this paper is being submitted within one month of the date of the Notice of Non-Compliant amendment. In addition, only the claims section of the previously filed Amendment is provided herein.

Applicant respectfully submits that for the amendments made to the claims, herein, and for the remarks made in the previously filed Amendment, the rejections of the claims has been overcome. Applicant respectfully requests that a Notice of Allowance be issued.

Applicant denies any statement, position or averment stated in the Office Action that is not specifically addressed by the foregoing. Any rejection and/or points of argument not addressed are moot in view of the presented arguments and no arguments are waived and none of the statements and/or assertions made in the Office Action is conceded.

Applicant makes no statement regarding the patentability of the subject

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matter recited in the claims prior to this Amendment and has amended the claims solely to facilitate expeditious prosecution of this patent application. Applicant respectfully reserves the right to pursue claims, including the subject matter encompassed by the originally filed claims, as presented prior to this Amendment, and any additional claims in one or more continuing applications during the pendency of the instant application.

Should the Examiner believe that the disposition of any issues arising from this response may be best resolved by a telephone call, the Examiner is invited to contact applicant's representative at the telephone number listed below.

No fees are believed necessary for the timely filing of this paper.

Respectfully submitted,
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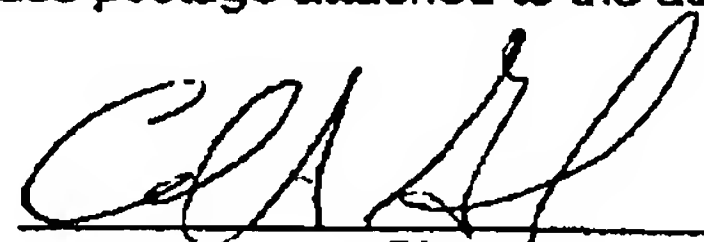
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